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SUBJECT: WHEREABOUTS REQUEST -- FOLLOW-UP ON AMCITS HARRY WU AND
SUE HOWELL

REF: (A) 95 BEIJING 27393 (B) 95 BISHKEK 1542. (C) 95 STATE 151840

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ACTION POSTS' RAPID RESPONSE
TO OUR REQUEST (REF A) FOR INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS
OF AMCITS HARRY WU AND SUE HOWELL.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED THE CONTACT WHO BROUGHT THIS CASE TO
OUR ATTENTION OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON HOWELL AND
ON WU'S POSSIBLE DETENTION, SO HE MIGHT COMMUNICATE WITH
THEIR FAMILIES. WU'S WIFE WILL ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT
WITH CHINA DESK DIRECTOR KEYSER, SO HE CAN KEEP HER
UPDATED ON DEVELOPMENTS.

3. IN A LATE BREAKING DEVELOPMENT, AMB. COURTNEY IN
ALMATY CALLED DON KEYSER THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT HE HAS
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SUE HOWELL, WHO IS NOW IN ALMATY.
HE WILL MEET WITH HER LATER TODAY AND WILL PROVIDE A
READOUT BY CABLE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF POST WOULD URGENTLY FOLLOW
UP AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA TO ASCERTAIN WU'S
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND CONDITION. IF HE IS IN
DETENTION, PLEASE SET UP A CONSULAR VISIT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

5. DUE TO THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY AND THE POTENTIALLY
HIGH LEVEL OF CONGRESSIONAL AND MEDIA INTEREST IN THIS
CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF POSTS WOULD CLOSELY HOLD
ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED. PLEASE SLUG ANY REPORTING
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